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STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed the State Governments to constitute State Higher Education Councils in order to raise the standard of education in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Higher Education Councils constituted by various States as per the guidelines issued by the Government;

(d) whether the Government and UGC have decided to provide financial assistance to the Universities on the basis of their performance in conjuncture with the aforesaid directive; and

(e) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) provides that " State level planning and co-ordination of higher education will be done through Councils of Higher Education.The UGC and these Councils will develop coordinative methods to keep a watch on standards."

The guidelines for setting up of State Councils of Higher Education were finalized by the University Grants Commission(UGC) and sent to the State Governments.According to the UGC, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh have since set up their respective State Council of Higher Education.The State Governments o f Arunachal Pradesh,Tripura and Himachal Pradesh have set up their State Advisory Boards for Higher Education.

Financial assistance is provided by UGC to the State Universities in accordance with the relevant provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.